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SUBJECT: 1949 LEBANON-ISRAEL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

REF: A) USUN 3169; B) TEL AVIV 10247  
C) BEIRUT 4702; D) TEL AVIV 10517

1. WHILE THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS (REFTEL C), ON BALANCE  
WE BELIEVE THAT GOI "REINSTATEMENT" OF 1949 LEBANON/  
ISRAEL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT REGIME WOULD BE A USEFUL STEP  
CARRYING ADVANTAGES FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS. IN THE NEAR  
TERM, IT WOULD PROVIDE STRUCTURE FOR DIRECT LEBANESE/  
ISRAELI CONTACTS IN ILMAC WHICH WE SEE AS PARTICULARLY  
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IMPORTANT DURING CURRENT WRESTLING OVER PROBLEM OF MOVING  
LAF BATTALION SOUTH. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR  
LEBANESE TO GET ISRAELI VIEWS DIRECTLY ON LAF MOVE AT  
AUTHORITATIVE LEVEL AND VICE VERSA. IF ISRAELIS ARE  
SERIOUS ABOUT ASSISTING THE MOVE, ILMAC MEETING WOULD  
ALLOW LEBANESE TO PROBE FOR ELEMENTS OF WORKABLE  
ARRANGEMENTS AND ENLIST ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR THEM. IN

LONGER TERM, ILMAC COULD SERVE AS A FORUM FOR REGULAR CONTACTS IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS CAN SHARE THEIR CONCERNS BOTH ON ROUTINE BORDER MATTERS AND ON BROADER TOPICS. IF A CERTAIN REGULARITY CAN BE BUILT INTO CONTACTS, WE SEE ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF INCREASING GOL

SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SOUTH AND DEALING WITH ISRAEL'S SECURITY CONCERNS.

2. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD APPROACH DAYAN TO GIVE HIM OUR VIEW THAT ISRAEL'S AGREEMENT TO REACTIVATE 1949 AGREEMENT WOULD BE A USEFUL AND POSITIVE STEP, DRAWING ON ABOVE POINTS.

3. FOR BEIRUT: YOU SHOULD INFORM BOUTROS OF OUR APPROACH TO THE ISRAELIS MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE BELIEVE ISRAEL'S AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER 1949 LEBANON/ISRAEL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT REINSTATED WOULD BE A POSITIVE STEP. WE TAKE ISRAEL'S APPARENT DESIRE TO DO THIS AT FACE VALUE AND VIEW IT AS A SIGN OF ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH GOL.

-- ILMAC MEETINGS WOULD ALLOW BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS AND CONCERNS DIRECTLY AND TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL

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PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SUCH QUESTIONS AS MOVEMENT OF LAF TO THE SOUTH AND INCREASING GOL AUTHORITY IN THE AREA.

-- WE NOTE THAT GOL CONSIDERS 1949 AGREEMENT AS STILL IN EFFECT AND WE ARE APPROACHING ISRAEL TO ENCOURAGE A DECISION TO CONSIDER THE 1949 AGREEMENT REINSTATED. WE WILL EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT, SUCH AS ILMAC, CAN QUICKLY BE PUT BACK INTO OPERATION. VANCE

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O, RAPORT

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